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Photo by Staff Sgt. Victoria Meyer

Supper Time

Master Sgt. Dwayne Blackburn, 506th Expeditionary Services Squadron, serves peppered steak over rice to a hungry 506th member at the Air Force dining hall on the first night it opened. They fed more than 470 people for the first meal. The dining hall is open for breakfast from 5 to 8 a.m. and dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. and is located near the BX clamshell in tent city.

Give honor to 'Old Glory'

Old Glory. Stars and Stripes. The Star-Spangled Banner.

Most people know the names of the flag of the United States and that June 14 is Flag Day, but there is much more to one of the nation's most cherished symbols than its many monikers.

Its seemingly simple makeup is full of symbolism. The 13 horizontal stripes, alternating between red and white, represent the original 13 colonies. The red is for hardiness and valor and the white signifies purity and innocence.

In the upper left-hand corner is the field of blue, standing for vigilance, perseverance and justice. Within the blue are 50 five-pointed stars, one for each state of the union.

In the beginning, as legend has it, George Washington proposed stars with six points, but it was Betsy Ross who suggested it have five-pointed stars. Most on the flag committee thought five-pointed stars would be too difficult to make, but she took out a piece of paper, skillfully folded it and made a single snip with a pair of scissors.



She then unfolded a symmetrical five-pointed star. Seeing how easy it was, the flag committee agreed with her and she went on to create the first American flag.

The Continental Congress, the nation's ruling body at the time, approved that flag as a national symbol June 14, 1777.

President Harry Truman signed an Act of Congress designating June 14 as National Flag Day 172 years later.

Here are some instructions on flying the flag:

-- Always display the flag with the blue field on the left as you look at the flag.

-- The flag should never be flown at night unless there is a light on it.

-- Only fly the flag in bad weather if it is an all-weather flag.

-- Flying the flag upside down is a call for help.

-- Never fly a damaged or tattered flag.

(Courtesy of Air Combat Command News Service)

Follow procedures to ensure delivery

By Senior Master Sgt. Sandra Holloway
506th Expeditionary
Communications Squadron

The Air Force is currently operating a full-service post office in conjunction with the Army here. The Air Force will soon be opening a post office in Tent City. The Army will not process official or registered mail at this time. So for assistance with official mail, see your unit postal representative.

The 09359 zip code is indeed an active Air Force zip code. The Air Force mail departs CONUS and travels to 09359 via airmail from John F. Kennedy Airport in New York, to Germany, to Bahrain, to Baghdad then trucked to 09359 every three to four days.

Do not use 09347 since the Army Post Office will leave sometime in August with all mail with a 09347 in tow. Additionally, the reduced volume of mail to 09359 means less frequent deliveries from Baghdad.

To ensure expedient delivery, make certain your mail is sent to:

Name (No Rank)
Squadron/Office Symbol
APO AE 09359

A few rules to remember when sending and receiving mail:

- Military Postal Service (overseas military post office) mail and stateside mail weighing less than 13 ounces is free unless it is accountable.

- Accountable mail is Certified, Insured or Registered mail.

- Certified mail provides the sender with evidence of mailing and an electronic record of the delivery date and time or attempted delivery.

- Insured mail provides up to

\$5,000 indemnity coverage for a lost, rifled or damaged article.

- Registered mail is the most secure way to send mail, however, this service is not available at this time. The Army will process priority registered mail on a case-by-case basis. This process is being worked and will be available sometime in the future.

- U.S. Customs must inspect all packages before they are mailed so arrive at the post office with packages open.

- All packages must include a PS Form 2976-A USPS Customs.

- The following are items are not allowed to be mailed from/to Kirkuk: Iraqi soil, gravel, sand, etc., Iraqi rugs/carpets, Iraqi military uniformed items, alcohol, tobacco, firearms, knives, swords or bladed item longer than 3 inches, pornography, plants, animals and insects.

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Final chance to name your future home

The following is a list of names that were submitted as possibilities for the new tent city.

Everyone now has the opportunity to vote on the name of our new home. Send votes to 506AEG.publi-

caffairs@krab.aorcentaf.af.mil by Wednesday at 2 p.m. Only one vote per person.

The winning name will be announced in the next KRAB KRONICLE.

Just Cause
The Oasis
Camp Bayonet
Camp Can Do
Canvas City
Krabby's Korner
Krab Kabana
Krab City
Krab Tree Village
Krab Acres
Jurassic Park
Krab Island
Babylonian Hills
Krab Compound
Krab Shacks
Trident
Poseidon
Krab Shack
Krab Campgrounds
Dock of the Bay
Krab Apple Kove

Krab Kreek Crossing
Krab Kamp
The Burrows
Krab Crossing
Krab Kountry Resort
Cobra Town
The Marina
Freedom Village
Krab Town, USA
Callahan's Krab Shack City
Sandy Krab
Grand Central Krab Station
1st Iraqi Freetown
Iraqi Freedom City
Liberty City
Desert Inns
Whenville
Callahan Corners
The Great North
Camp South Park
Coral Reef

Band Camp
The Bright Sun
Kirkuk Cove
Surf City
The Cove
Camp Stingray
The Reef
Atlantis
Bikini Bottom
Bermuda
Margaritaville
Treasure Island
Black Pearl
The Pearl of Iraq
Ten Days From Tomorrow
Kirkuk Inns
Hero's Landings
KRAB Palace
Camp Crimson Tide
K-Town
Iraqi Freedom Resort

INSIDE THE WIRE

News briefs

Dining Facility

The Air Force dining facility is open for breakfast from 5 to 8 a.m. and dinner from 4 to 7 p.m. and is located near the BX clamshell in tent city.

Base Pool

The pool is now open. Swimming hours are from 8 a.m. to 7 p.m. every day.

Rec Center

The Recreation Center is located at the pool and is open 24 hours a day. The center has:

- 13 morale computers;
- 5 morale phones -- one 15-minute call per week;
- Big screen TV room with sporting events and news;
- Book swap program;
- Care packages available for people to grab and go;
- Board games, cards, dominoes.

Ration Issue

The ration issue operation is located near the dining facility. A squadron representative should be assigned within each respective unit. Pick up times are Monday, Wednesday and Friday from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Issued items are MREs, water, cereal, white and chocolate milk, and juice.

Sky Soldier Theater

The 506th Expeditionary Services Squadron has recently taken over operations at the Sky Soldier Theater. The theater is located next to the post office and movies are shown daily at 4, 7 and 9 p.m. Insect repellent

is highly recommended.

Legal Office

The legal office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Saturday and from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Sundays. Walk-in hours for legal assistance are from 10 a.m. to noon every day. Telephone number: 460-0117 or 460-0118.

Vaccinations

Small Pox and Anthrax vaccinations are given every Friday from 7 a.m. to noon in the courtyard. Bring shot records or immunization print out.

Right Start

The Right Start briefings are held every Tuesday and Thursday at 8 a.m. at the courtyard.

Contracting

The contracting office is open from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. and is located left of Gate 1.

CE hours

CE's customer service hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 7 p.m. They are located in the north wing of the courtyard building, last door on the right. Go through your designated facility managers and have them submit job order requests to the customer service office.

Finance

Finance office hours are 10 a.m. to 8 p.m. Monday through Saturday, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Sunday. They are located with contracting in the building by Gate 1. Check-cashing limit is \$200 per week. They can also

assist with accrual travel vouchers, Savings Deposit Program, and allotment changes. On paydays, they can provide members their pay amounts, however, they do not provide LESs. Telephone number: 460-0866.

Laundry

The 24-hour drop-off and pick-up point for laundry is at the lodging desk in Hangar 1. Laundry must be in a bag and will be returned in about four days.

Thrift Savings Plan

The current Thrift Savings Plan enrollment period ends June 30. The finance office can assist with initial enrollments and contribution percentage changes only. Any other TSP actions (i.e. fund-type changes) must be completed via the TSP Web site (<http://www.tsp.gov/index.html>). Stop by or call the finance office at 460-0866 for more information.

Safety Tip

UP IN SMOKE -- A minute short of destruction.

Only weeks ago, a coalition partner put out a fire that started in the middle of his tent. If it had occurred close to the side, the tent would have been up in smoke and consumed in fire in less than 60 seconds after ignition. A cigarette butt was the suspected igniter.

So what's the moral to our little story with a British accent: Don't smoke in or near tents!

Nothing fancy, very simple, totally easy to understand.

No one is begrudging a smoker their relaxing and somewhat soothing pastime, but only attempting to preserve our most critical resource -- human life. Take a quick view of a tent fire on the O Drive in the Safety folder. *(Courtesy of the Safety Office.)*

Chapel Schedule

Catholic

Sunday

9 a.m.	Sky Soldier Chapel
11:30 a.m.	HAS behind A-10 Ops
2 p.m.	Sky Soldier Chapel
7 p.m.	Sky Soldier Chapel

Protestant

Sunday

9:30 a.m.	Sky Soldier Chapel
10 a.m.	HAS behind A-10 Ops
2:30 p.m.	Sky Soldier Chapel
7:30 p.m.	Sky Soldier Chapel

Bible Studies

Wednesdays and Fridays at 7 p.m. at the HAS

PERSPECTIVE

Age old lessons still hold true today

By Master Sgt. Jack
Ladley
506th Air Expeditionary
Group first sergeant

There are two reasons why leadership is important to senior NCOs, supervisors, flight leaders, branch chiefs; anyone in a leadership position, and to the Air Force.

The first was expressed eloquently by General of the Army Douglas MacArthur in a 1962 speech. MacArthur spoke about what he had learned about service in a career that spanned more than 50 years and two world wars.

He distilled the lessons gathered from "twenty campaigns, on a hundred battlefields, around a thousand campfires" into a few words that are as true today as they ever were:

"Our mission ... is to win our wars ... You are the ones who are trained to fight. Yours is the profession of arms, the will to

win, the sure knowledge that in war there is no substitute for victory; that if you lose, the nation will be destroyed ..."

Make no mistake about it. MacArthur is speaking to you, as you read this in the workcenter or the jobsite or at the "dinner table" eating your MRE. You are the Air Force's leaders, and on your shoulders rests this mission: win this war.

The desire to accomplish that mission despite all adversity is called the warrior ethos and makes the profession of arms different from all other professions. That ethos applies to all airmen, not just those whose job it is to find, fight and defeat the enemy.

If that were not enough, there is a second reason you must strive to become the best leader you can be: your people deserve nothing less.

When you took your oath, when you agreed to be a leader, you entered into a pact with your subordinates

and your nation. America has entrusted you with its most precious resource, its young people.

Every person serving with you is someone's son daughter, brother, sister, mother or father.

Our airmen are capable of extraordinary feats of courage and sacrifice -- as they have proven on MacArthur's hundred battlefields and on every battlefield since then.

They are also capable of great patience and persistence and tremendous loyalty, as they show every day in thousands of offices and backshops, in maintenance garages and on airfield's around the world. They show up and they do the work, no matter how frightening, no matter how boring, no matter how risky or bloody or exhausting. And what they ask in return is competent leadership.

You have been entrusted with a great responsibility. How do you prepare your-

self? How do you learn and embrace those values and skills that will enable you to meet the challenge?

The answer is the simple willingness to subordinate personal interests for the good of one's unit, one's service, and one's nation. We cannot afford leaders who take the helm in good weather and run when the seas get choppy or those leaders who get focused on careerism.

As Gen. Ron Fogelman put it, "We need professionals who strive to be the best at their current job and who realize they attain individual advancement through the success of their unit or work center."

So what's the payoff? It is simply the pride in being a part of an organization that lives by high standards; and the sense of accomplishment gained from defending our nation. In the words of Gen. Curtis LeMay, "Crank her up. Let's go."

Dear Krabby

Dear Krabby,

It seems that everyone is getting grumpy lately and complaining about everything and everyone. The complaints range from the lines at the BX to what fellow airmen are doing or not doing. Any suggestions on how to live and work with these folks?

Just Wish Everyone Would Do Their Job

Dear Wish,

Being away from family, friends and

our normal routine places a lot of stress on us. When you add in our living conditions, we are under a great deal of stress. People handle stress in many different ways. After a while, all the seemingly little things add up and some people react by complaining. Keeping busy, by working, reading, etc., is a great stress reducer. Supervisors who are seeing an increase in complaints must sort out the legitimate complaints and deal with them. The EMEDS has Life Skills personnel available who can assist individuals with handling stress.



NEWS

Like Father, Like Son

Family reunites while stationed in Iraq

By Capt. Gregory M. Kuzma
506th Expeditionary Logistics
Readiness Squadron

For most of us, our parents are far away and can only be reached by a letter or an e-mail. But to Air Force Staff Sgt. Rene Anderson, a member of the 506th Expeditionary Logistics Readiness Squadron Vehicle Maintenance Flight, making contact with his father is more personal than most.

That's because his father, Army Chief Warrant Officer Steven Anderson, is deployed with the 101st Airborne Division in Mosul, Iraq, only 175 kilometers northwest of Kirkuk Air Base.

"I knew my father was somewhere in Iraq but I wasn't sure where," explained Anderson. "When I found out he was at Mosul, I wanted to contact him."

Anderson got word of his father's location through members of the 101st Airborne Division on a convoy passing through Kirkuk AB. He made several attempts to call his father but was unsuccessful.

"I talked to my flight chief about volunteering for the next supply convoy mission going to Mosul," Anderson said.

The 506th ELRS, commanded by Maj. Tom Shetter, recently helped make the Anderson father-son reunion a reality.

Not knowing his son's exact whereabouts, Anderson was pleasantly surprised by his son's surprise visit.

"Seeing my son out here makes me proud," said Anderson. "Most fathers don't get to see their sons out serving together on a deployment like this."

Anderson agreed with his father that



Photo by Maj. Tom Shetter

Chief Warrant Officer Steven Anderson (left) and Staff Sgt. Rene Anderson pose during their reunion in Mosul.

this was indeed something special.

"I could tell he was proud because he introduced me to the commanding general of the 101st Airborne Division while I was there."

Since that meeting, the father and son duo have kept in contact through e-mail and telephone.

"I've been keeping him informed on what we're doing here and sending him care packages with fruit," Sgt. Anderson said.

Sgt. Anderson reflected on his TDY here in the AOR stating it will not be soon forgotten.

"This deployment has been one I will always remember for several reasons," said Anderson. "I am thankful to have the opportunity to serve my country with my father at the same time in Iraq supporting Operation Iraqi Freedom."

Fire Prevention

Burning human waste is not one of the most cherished details, however, it is one that needs to be done. This process is an open burn, so safety is paramount. Common sense can go a long way but here are a few procedures to follow if tasked with this detail.

First, do not burn if winds are more than 10 miles per hour.

Step 1 - Use work gloves, drag the pale a minimum of 25 feet away from any structure and if possible, use a clearing with no grass.

Step 2 - Ensure you have at least 3 gallons of diesel fuel. Never use other fuel.

Step 3 - Before lighting, have some form of communications like a runner or radio, in case the fire gets out of hand.

Step 4 - You must stir occasionally to ensure thorough burning.

Step 5 - Do not put the pale back into the outhouse until it is cool to the touch.

There have already been fires on base due to carelessness doing this detail.

(Courtesy of Kirkuk Air Base Fire Department)

POST OFFICE from Page 2
Declaration and Dispatch Note.

- When discarding boxes, envelopes, etc., be sure to shred the return address. We don't want to put family or friends back home at risk.

To ensure your mail gets forwarded, provide the post office with an updated Air Force Form 245 upon your departure.

For questions or concerns, contact Tech. Sgt. Mason Earls and Staff Sgt. Jonathan Dedman, the Air Force post masters, Staff Sgt. Jalana Watts, Senior Airman Morgan Burch and Airman 1st Class Allen Griffith, the postal clerks. The Post Office telephone number is 460-0754.

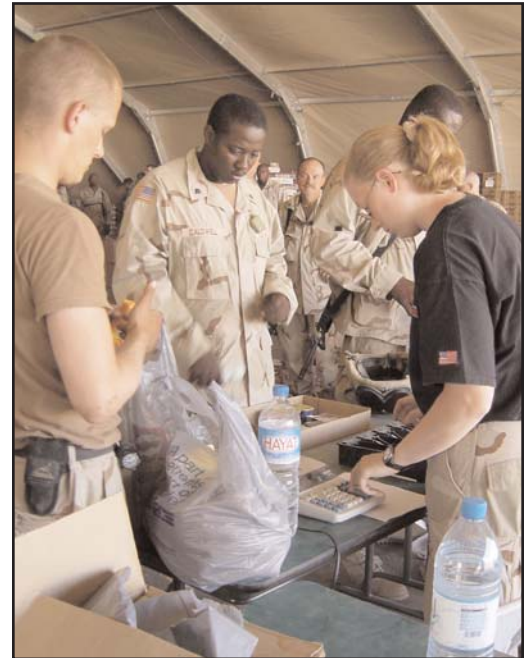
NEWS

Shopping at Kirkuk



Photos by Staff Sgt. Victoria Meyer

Airman 1st Class Shawn Franklin, 506th Air Expeditionary Group, tries to price jewelry at the Bazaar. (Below) Hundreds of Army and Air Force members waited up to two hours to enter the BX to shop.



AAFES worker, Melissa Hall, totals an order for an Army soldier at the road show Saturday. AAFES is scheduled to be here permanently within a week.

Re-enlistment bonuses adjusted

Air Force officials recently revised re-enlistment bonuses, adding or increasing 40 career field zones and decreasing or removing 100, according to Air Force Personnel Center officials here.

The revision to the selective re-enlistment bonus program includes additions of zones in two career fields that previously did not have a bonus. In addition, 10 career fields that previously had some type of bonus were deleted from the revised list.

"The SRB program is a retention tool the Air Force uses as an incentive to help keep the right people in the right jobs to accomplish our mission," said Maj. Gen. Peter Sutton, director of learning and force development at Air Force headquarters in Washington.

"This change (in SRBs) is the result

in part of increased retention rates. But airmen should also remember that SRBs are not an entitlement," said Sutton. "The Air Force will continue to shift this program based on the needs of the Air Force and our global mission."

Criteria used for determining which enlisted skills receive an SRB include current and projected skill and total manning levels; re-enlistment rates; and category of enlistment, career field force structure changes and inputs from functional career-field managers. SRBs are authorized in 0.5 increments (or multiples) and in three re-enlistment zones for people with between 17 months and 14 years of service.

The revised Air Force specialty code listing of SRB multipliers includes increases in 12 Zone-A (17

months to six years of service), 14 Zone-B (six to 10 years of service) and seven Zone-C (10 to 14 years of service) career fields. It also includes additions in two Zone-A, four Zone-B and one Zone-C career field. Multipliers decreased in 38 Zone-A, 20 Zone-B and five Zone-C career fields.

Ten Zone-A, 15 Zone-B and 12 Zone-C SRBs were deleted; two new AFSCs were added, and 10 AFSCs were deleted in either Zones A, B, C or some combination.

Additions and multiple increases are effective June 4. The SRB multiple decreases and deletions are effective July 4.

The new list of bonuses is at <http://www.afpc.randolph.af.mil/enl-skills/Reenlistments/reenlistments.htm>. (Courtesy of AFPC News Service)

SPORTS

Game 1: Turkman National Champs prevail over goalie-less Sky Soldiers 6-2

By Airman 1st Class Chris Sulhoff
Contributing writer

More than 50 local Kurds where on hand to cheer for their Turkish National Champion team June 4 as they handed the American or "Sky Soldier" soccer team their first loss of the KRAB First Inter-Cultural series. The American team consisted of mostly Army personnel with one Air Force member, Airman 1st Class David Lovergne of the 506th Expeditionary Civil Engineer Squadron.

The afternoon was a success with semi-professional caliber soccer and the Army Band who electrified the capacity crowd with pre-game entertainment as well as a halftime show.

There was plenty of excitement and suspense during the game but the most anxiety was experienced by First Sergeant and Coach Lauro Obeada who discovered his team would take the field without last year's U.S. Forces Europe MVP goalie, Spc. Scott Lowry. With no other option Obeada inserted Army Staff Sgt. Jody Volz, a defensive player with no prior goaltending experience.

Three minutes into the game, the Kurds crossed the ball over a U.S. defender to #13, Salit Mahdi who lobbed a spinning kick in the upper far right portion of the goalpost over the outstretched arms of Volz enabling the Kurdish team to take a 1-0 lead.

The Sky Soldiers then answered back off Sgt. Albert Padilla's corner kick that bounced off two U.S. Forces members and into the grasp of Sgt. Damel Fall, who punched it in tying the score at 1-1.

After an illegal slide tackle by the Kurdish National Champs, Obeada

"The bottom line is we had fun. Obviously the outcome would have been different if we had our goalie, but the mission comes first."

Lauro Obeada
Coach

scored on a free penalty kick putting the Sky Soldiers up 2-1.

The Kurds booted in a line drive from the right side of the field to once again tie the score up at 2-2.

The Kurdish team wrapped up the first half scoring when #8, Aydin Mahmood drove in a goal from the right corner giving the Kurds a 3-2 lead going into halftime.

During halftime several of the defensive players indicated that the Kurds were using cross kicks and switching men, which confused the defense and goalie.

Obeada gathered his players and said, "To not have a goalie and still be in the game at 3-2 is right where we need to be. Keep the pressure on them and don't let them get easy goals. It should be 2-0 us right now."

Second half scoring started with Mahmood heading in a goal past an ensuing goal-keeper off of a sideline throw-in, for a 4-2 Kurdish lead.

One of the American team members said he could tell they had been playing together for years.

Sgt. Albertini Gomez, a defensive specialist, stopped a Kurd from a possible one-on-one attack with the goalie by making a slide tackle. However, Gomez left the game with a shoulder

injury from the previous play and did not return to the game.

"He's our best defensive player and one of the team leaders and veterans, which killed us to lose him at that point in the game," stated Obeada.

"We played pretty good in the first half but they confused us in the second half," Gomez said.

Minutes after Gomez's exit the Kurds Mahmood chipped a shot right over the attacking goalie's head on a one-on-one with no Sky Soldiers in the immediate vicinity, which gave the Kurds a 5-2 lead.

"Maybe we're not in shape, but these guys are better than some of the Italians we play at home," said Volz.

The Sky Soldiers then suffered another injury when Fall temporarily left the game with a facial injury.

The Sky Soldiers goalie made two near-goal hand saves but gave up his third and final goal of the second half when a Kurd blasted a shot from the middle of the field over the screened goaltender's head. The game ended with the Kurdish National Champion team prevailing over the Sky Soldiers 6-2.

"The bottom line is we had fun. Obviously the outcome would have been different if we had our goalie, but the mission comes first," Obeada said.

Padilla, the team's captain, added, "We lost motivation at half time because our keeper wasn't there. He's like our quarterback. We forgot how each other play because of having only four practices. But we will play these guys again."

The Sky Soldiers will get another chance at the Turkman National Champions later in the series but on the Kurds turf. The next game is scheduled for today at 4 p.m.

Guidelines and Rules

- Wear of the uniform: DCUs or flight suits as authorized with sleeves down. Load bearing equipment, flak vest and helmet must be within 5 minutes.
- AFI 36-2903 is still in effect here. Remember that female's bangs

cannot touch their eyebrows and male's mustaches cannot extend beyond the edge of the opening of the mouth.

- Civilian clothes are only authorized in your immediate living area, such as tent city. Uniforms must be worn to the BX and dining facility.

- Carry weapon on "safe" with magazine in and NO round in the chamber. Clear weapons when entering buildings.

- Unless authorized and related to work, stay away from the flightline and ramp areas.

- Do not feed the stray animals.

Commonly used phone numbers

Public Affairs	460-0131
Fire Department	460-0030
Command Post	460-0077
OSI	460-0800
CC Support Section	460-0099
CE Cust. Service	460-0021
Command Chief	460-0052
PERSCO	460-0122
First Sergeant	460-0016
COMM Help Desk	460-0000
EOD	460-0903
Safety	460-0090
Chaplain	460-0130
EMEDS	460-0040
Legal	460-0117
Finance	460-0866
Supply	460-0039
Lodging	460-0123
ATOC	460-0038
BDOC	460-0960

Warrior of the Week

Staff Sgt. Jason Hess

506th Expeditionary

Communications Squadron

Homestation: Robins AFB, Ga.

Days in AOR: 94

Family: Wife, Nancy, and daughter, Nakkara

Hobbies: Working out at the gym.

Goals: To do the best job I can and make it home safely.

How do you contribute to the mission of the 506th AEG? I build and maintain all computers and servers on base.

What is your favorite aspect of



this deployment? Seeing everyone on base working together with almost nothing at all and making a fully functioning Air Force base.

What's Your Sign?

Aries (March 21 - April 19) Set yourself up for success. Investigating your chance observation of the "nose scratcher" in the Army serving line will only leave you dismayed.

Taurus (April 20 - May 20) Your brilliance leads you to invent a machine to cross over dimensional barriers. Sadly, you'll find yourself at Tallil.

Gemini (May 21 - June 20) If you love someone, let them know. If not, hang your damp laundry over their cot ... again.

Cancer (June 21 - July 22) Your adventuresome spirit

compels you to try the local food. If you're not already a vegetarian, you should be since you have also noticed the dramatic decrease in the base cat population.

Leo (July 23 - Aug. 22) Choose your business partners carefully. Striking deals with CE will only lead to discomfort and rectal hemorrhaging.

Virgo (August 23 - Sept. 22) Someone you think highly of will come up and nudge you today. Though somewhat surprised ... you still enjoy the warm water and the back scrubbing.

Libra (Sept. 22 - Oct. 22) After many days learning to simultaneously pat your

head and rub your tummy, today you move on to patting your head and rubbing someone else's tummy. That PME can wait until later.

Scorpio (Oct. 23 - Nov. 21) Your supervisors will try to have you committed, today. Luckily, through a series of typical and amusing misadventures, they will fail. Your tent mates, on the other hand, will succeed.

Sagittarius (Nov. 22 - Dec. 21) "Field conditions" is not an acceptable excuse! Trim those talons you call toenails!

Capricorn (Dec. 22 - Jan. 20) Now is the time to decide what you want to be when you grow up. Since

Air Force Basic Training was so demanding, you should take it easy and give ROTC a try!

Aquarius (Jan. 21 - Feb. 18) You will begin an evil project, in secret and succeed. Although why you want to install a security camera in the "Port-a-John" is anybody's guess.

Pisces (Feb. 19 - March 20) A pack of extremely hungry dogs will look at you strangely, today. I do not recommend tossing them the "Country Captain Chicken." After all you leave them no choice. (Contributed by a member of the 506th Expeditionary Communications Squadron)